

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
STATESVILLE DIVISION

**"UNDER SEAL" FILED**  
CHARLOTTE, NC

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NC

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	<u>UNDER SEAL</u>
	)	
vs.	)	DOCKET NO. 5:05CR9-V-25
	)	
OKIERA DONELL MYERS	)	<u>MOTION FOR A DOWNWARD</u>
	)	<u>DEPARTURE U.S.S.G. § 5K1.1 AND</u>
	)	<u>18 USC 3553(e)</u>

NOW COMES the United States of America, by and through Gretchen C.F. Shappert, United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, who moves, pursuant to Section 5K1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines for a downward departure from the applicable guideline range to reflect defendant's substantial assistance.

The defendant has provided substantial assistance in the investigation and prosecution of other individuals. The degree of such a reduction must be reasonable and should reflect the Court's assessment of the defendant's substantial assistance in the investigation and prosecution of others. "Substantial weight should be given to the government's evaluation of the extent of the defendant's assistance, particularly where the extent and value of the assistance are difficult to ascertain." Section 5K1.1 Application Note 3. Additionally, "the sentencing judge must . . . state the reasons for reducing a sentence under [5K1.1]." Commentary to Section 5K1.1; see also Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553(e).

**BASIS FOR MOTION AND SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION**

Section 5K1.1(a) *U.S.S.G.*, enumerates a non-exclusive list of factors the Court may consider in determining whether a downward departure should be granted and, if so, the extent of such departure. Below, the United States addresses each such relevant factor and sets for the

specific recommended reduction based on such factor.

The defendant is currently facing a guideline range of 120 months, offense level 25, criminal history category IV. [21 USC § 851 Notice was filed, enhancing his previous guidelines range of 84 - 105 months.]

- (a)(1) the court's evaluation of the significance and usefulness of the defendant's assistance, taking into consideration the government's evaluation of the assistance rendered;

**Government's evaluation and recommendation:**

**The Defendant has been debriefed by agents and has provided information about drug trafficking.**

- (a)(2) the truthfulness, completeness, and reliability of any information or testimony provided by the defendant;

**Government's evaluation and recommendation:**

**The defendant's information is considered by the government to be truthful and reliable.**

- (a)(3) the nature and extent of the defendant's assistance;

**Government's evaluation and recommendation:**

**The defendant has provided information to investigators and testified at two trials for the United States. He was a credible and truthful witness. His assistance was substantial.**

- (a)(4) any injury suffered, or and danger or risk of injury to the defendant or his family resulting from his assistance;

**Government's evaluation and recommendation:**

**The government is not aware of any threats made against the defendant. However, cooperation in drug cases is inherently dangerous.**

(a)(5) the timeliness of the defendant's assistance.

**Government's evaluation and recommendation:**

**The defendant's cooperation was timely.**

<b><u>TOTAL OFFENSE LEVEL:</u></b>	<b>20</b>
<b><u>CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORY:</u></b>	<b>IV</b>
<b><u>GUIDELINE RANGE:</u></b>	<b>51 - 63 mos. [Recommendation: 60 months]</b>

**\* THIS RECOMMENDATION IS THE LOWEST RECOMMENDATION FOR REDUCTION BY THE GOVERNMENT. IF THE DEFENDANT'S OBJECTIONS TO THE PSR RESULT IN ANY MODIFICATION TO THE CALCULATIONS IN THE PSR, THE GOVERNMENT'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE "GUIDELINE RANGE" ABOVE WILL NOT BE REDUCED BY SUCH MODIFICATION.**

The United States respectfully requests the Court to depart downward from the original calculations of the PSR and impose a sentence with the range as calculated under the above recommendation.

Respectfully submitted, this the 4th day of September, 2007.



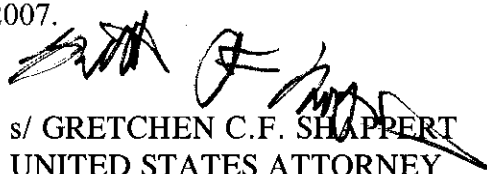
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing motion was duly served upon the defendant through defendant's counsel, by Electronic Filing:

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